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Comments: I spent a career as a biologist and District Ranger for the Forest Service in the Intermountain West. So I am aware that, unlike citizens who have attachment to a place, most Forest Service professionals are rewarded with promotions for not attaching to place, but rather moving frequently with little or no attachment to place. So it is not unexpected that the agency had little expectation that such a Powdr proposal would generate such opposition.

Holland Lake is a PLACE loved by Montanans. It is appropriately considered TRANQUIL to most visitors. It is key HABITAT for both aquatic and terrestrial wildlife lost across much of their former habitats. Its location is adjacent to the boundary of the WILD and hustle bustle of everyday life. The current development is small and somewhat quaint.

Not only does the proposed development dwarf what is there presently, but the activities of the clients will be significantly greater than exists presently. Even if the Forest Service does not permit off site commercial activities with this decision, others will be more than happy to step up to provide such activities as snowmobiling, wilderness trips, hot air balloons, floating rivers, heliskiing, helihiking and whatever might come along.

The 10 acres is public land belonging to the citizens of the United States. As a partial owner of that land, I request that one alternative evaluate the positive effects of not transferring the lodge permit, but rather removing the lodge and related infrastructure and converting the 10 acres to available space for the general public.

If the agency moves ahead with some form of modification, I request that the current 10 acres footprint not be expanded and the human overnight capacity of the facility not be increased.